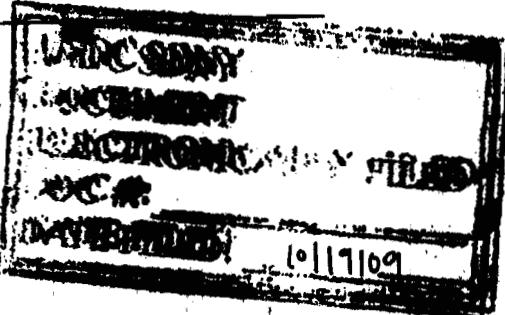


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By Hand

The Honorable Richard M. Berman  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
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# MEMO ENDORSED

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Re: **United States v. Aafia Siddiqui**  
**08 Cr. 826 (RMB)**

Dear Judge Berman:

We write in response to the Court's October 15<sup>th</sup> memo endorsement concerning our discussions with the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") regarding the feasibility of the defendant participating in court proceedings via video teleconference ("VTC") from her cell. Since our last conference call on October 9<sup>th</sup>, the Government has obtained an expedited transcript of our last conference, forwarded it to MDC officials, and had numerous discussions with MDC officials concerning the VTC proposal.

MDC has informed us that, although the defendant could easily participate in court proceedings via telephone from her cell, the VTC proposal poses additional obstacles for them. As the Court suggested during our last conference call, MDC would like to have their IT expert speak with the Court's IT expert, Joel Blum, to discuss the obstacles that the VTC proposal poses. If the Court agrees with this approach, MDC's IT expert can speak with Mr. Blum early next week. In addition, the Government will continue to work with MDC on this issue.

Finally, the Government is available on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 if the Court chooses to adjourn the current conference date.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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<p>Please arrange meetings w/ th Toll Blum ASAP. (The Court may also be interested in visiting HQC for discussions + assessment of technological alternatives.)</p>	
<p>SO ORDERED: Date: 10/19/09  cc Toll Blum Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.</p>	